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In re Application of: Marc Lamberton

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Commissioner for Patents

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004 having a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 30, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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